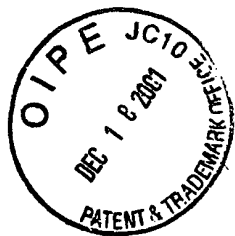


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed in the above-noted U.S. patent application on June 18, 2001. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 5, 7 and 11 with the following amended claims 1, 5, 7 and 11:

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(Twice Amended) A method of transforming a population of quiescent cells with a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide for treating a disease or disorder, the method comprising:

exposing a population of quiescent cells in vitro to a retroviral packaging cell expressing nucleic acid encoding a growth factor so that the growth factor is displayed on the surface of the retroviral packaging cell, the retroviral packaging cell carrying a vector comprising the nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide for treating the disease or disorder, wherein said vector does not encode said growth factor, and